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Sir :

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 5, 2004, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification.

Newport Green: A Catalog of Molecular Probes, Inc. "Handbook of Fluorescent Probes and Research Chemical, Chapter 22 – Section 22.7 Fluorescent Indicators for Zn^{2+} and Other Metals", 6th Edition by Richard P. Haugland, pp. 531-540 (1996), which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 1; and

Toshiaki HIRATSUKA, "Tanpakushitsu-Kakusan-Kouso (Protein, Nucleic Acid and Enzyme)", Vol. 42, No. 7, pp. 171-176 (1997), which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 2.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants have not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby authorize the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to
the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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